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DEVELOPMENTS IN USSR FORESTRY, TIMBER, PAPER AND WOOD-PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, APRIL 1953

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Karelo-Finnish SSR

The timber industry of the republic had fulfilled the 1952 - 1953 fall-winter season plan for timber felling by 30 March. The volume of timber haulage in the republic had increased by more than one million cubic meters over the previous 1951 - 1952 season.(1)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the first-quarter 1953, 1952 - 1953 fall-winter season, second-quarter 1953, and April 1953 plans for timber haulage in okrugs of the republic:

Okrug	31 Mar (2)		5 Apr (3)		10 Apr (4)	
	1st Quarter	Season	2d Quarter	April	2d Quarter	April
Petrozavodskiy	103.5	100.6	7.9	20.5	15.2	39.1
Segezhskiy	97.3	101.4	7.9	19.5	16.3	40.0

Workers of the Central Scientific Research Institute of Mechanization and Power Engineering and the Main Administration of Specialized Timber Industry Machines have developed new experimental models of light gasoline-motor chain saws, which they have named "Zvezda" and "Krasnyy Ural." The new saws are lighter in weight than electric saws driven by mobile electric power plants; another advantage is that the operator is not hampered in his work by a dragging cable. In the next few months, the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR will receive 40 of each model for trial purposes. Sixty operators will be trained in short-term courses to carry out testing of the new saws.(5)

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The forests of the republic are being restored and expanded. The republic is being supplied with larch-tree and decorative-bush seeds. More than 400 nurseries are growing pine, fir, and other tree seedlings. Since the war, 73,000 hectares of forests have been planted in the republic. (5)

Ukrainian SSR

The furniture industry is developing successfully in the Ukraine. Existing plants are being reconstructed and new combines and factories are being built. The productive capacity of the industry has increased by 20 percent as compared with the past year.

Reconstruction of the Zhitomir Furniture Combine has been completed. A furniture combine has begun operations in Dnepropetrovsk. Construction of a lumber-sawing shop has started at the Irshava Rent Road Furniture Factory in Zakarpatskaya Oblast; it will produce rough, semifinished furniture material for enterprises located in the unforested areas of the Ukraine.

Many furniture enterprises of the republic are familiarizing themselves with the production of new types of products. (7)

USSR General Information

Timber floating has begun in the Ukraine, Belorussian SSR, Baltic republics, and some areas of the RSFSR. According to the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry USSR, about 300,000 cubic meters of timber had already been floated by 7 April.

Timber rafts intended for the new construction projects and mines of the Ukrainian SSR are being floated on the Dnepr and its tributaries and also on the Cheremosh, Tissa, and other rivers. Work is proceeding at a rapid pace in the Lithuanian SSR; by 7 April, the second-quarter plan for timber-floating had been fulfilled by more than 35 percent.

Floating is expected to begin within the next 10-12 days in the Kama, Severnyaya Dvina, and other river basins. Thirty-two rafts of the dagger type are being prepared in the Puz'morskaya Bay (Roadstead) area. They will go to Astrakhan and from there to the Caspian Sea. (7)

Timber Industry in the RSFSR

As a result of a campaign for more effective utilization of machines, labor productivity at the Nymyskye Lesoproskhoz (Timber Management) has shown a sharp increase. The labor productivity of the sawing shop, up to 35 cubic meters of timber as compared with a norm of 22 cubic meters and electric saw operation up to 45 cubic meters as compared with a norm of 44 cubic meters. (9)

At the same time, in a period of 2 years, six TL-3 winches were used to ship 103,000 cubic meters of timber and to load 85,000 cubic meters. Loading production per shift was 38.2 cubic meters and loading production was 29.3 cubic meters. (10)

Before preliminary preparation of cutting areas was introduced at the Nymyskye Lesoproskhoz, felling, limbing, collecting and burning of branches, loading by TL-13 tractors, bucking, and sorting of one cubic meter of timber took on average 1 hour and 39 minutes. After preliminary preparation of cutting

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areas was introduced, this time was reduced to 3 hours and 7 minutes, including the preparatory work. At this same lespromkhoz, felling and subsequent operations formerly required 97 man-days of labor per hectare of forest area; now, only 70 man-days are required.(11)

At the Nizhne-Lukhovskiy Lespromkhoz, actual production per machine-shift during the year 1952 was as follows: for narrow-gauge locomotives, 58 cubic meters of timber; for KT-12 tractors, 13 cubic meters; for TL-3 winches, 14.8 cubic meters; and for TsNIIME electric saws, 12 cubic meters.(12)

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